

Kumamoto Grasslands Stockbreeding Research Institute



Architectural Outline

The four main buildings of this facility are arranged together with several functionally subordinate buildings in a way that allows them to be seen as groups. The site functions as pastureland. That function determines the relationships between the groups scattered over the extensive site and between individual buildings. The buildings are perceived as parts of one facility because of similarity of forms and materials. Buildings that require large volumes have been formally articulated in accordance with function or various external factors. This breaks down the scale of large spaces set in an environment of great beauty and softens the profiles of buildings.



Architectural Data

Name	Kumamoto Grasslands Stockbreeding Research Institute
Location	1454 Nishiyunoura, Aso-machi, Aso-gun
Main function	agricultural institute
Developer	Kumamoto Prefecture
Architects	Tom Heneghan and Inga Dagfinnsdottir, Ojukai-Furukawa Architects
General contractors	Nichido Komuten, Kawakami Kensetsu, Hashimoto Kensetsu, Kurahara Kensetsu
Site area	3,856,595 square meters
Building area	7,389 square meters
Total floor area	7,303 square meters
Extent	one and two aboveground floors
Structure	wooden construction and steel-frame construction
Construction period	December 1991 - September 1992
Total construction cost	1,202 million

Profile of architect



Tom Heneghan

- 1951 Born in England
- 1975 Graduated from the Architectural Association (AA), and subsequently taught at the AA until 1990.
- 1991 Master architect, 'Face of the Town' Program (Toyama Prefecture)
Has been lecturer, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music; Professor, Kogakuin University
Currently Professor of Architecture, Faculty of

Architecture, University of Sydney

●Principal Works

Grasslands Agricultural Institute, Aso, Kumamoto;
Hotaru-ika Museum, Namerikawa, Toyama; Forest Park
Adatarara, Fukushima

●Awards

- 1980 1st Prize, Art Into Landscape Competition (UK).
 - 1980 Bernard Webb Rome Scholarship.
 - 1994 Award of Academy of the Architectural Institute of Japan
 - 1994 Tokyo Journal Award for Innovation in Architecture.
 - 1995 1st Prize, Namerikawa Museum Competition
 - 1995 1st Prize, Fukushima Auto-Camp Competition
 - 1995 SD Award
 - 1999 Chubu Architecture Award
 - 1999 Fukushima Architecture Award
 - 2001 Fukushima Award for Public Architecture
 - 2002 Japanese Government Public Architecture Award
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Inga Dagfinnsdottir

- 1954 Born in Iceland
 - 1985 Graduated from Architectural Association
 - 1987 2nd Prize, Kringlan Sculpture Competition (Iceland).
 - 1989 3rd Prize, 'Poliphile' International Invited Competition
 - 1989 4th Prize, Icelandair Sculpture Competition (Iceland).
 - 1990 3rd Prize, Habnafjordur Music School Competition (Iceland)
 - 1994 4Award of Academy of the Architectural Institute of Japan
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